

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
Release No. 31224 / August 27, 2014

In the Matter of	:
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H&Q HEALTHCARE INVESTORS	:
H&Q LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS	:
TEKLA HEALTHCARE OPPORTUNITIES	:
FUND	:
TEKLA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC	:
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ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(c) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 19(b) OF THE ACT AND RULE
19b-1 UNDER THE ACT

H&Q Healthcare Investors, H&Q Life Sciences Investors, Tekla Healthcare Opportunities Fund, and Tekla Capital Management, LLC filed an application on May 9, 2014 and an amendment to the application on July 18, 2014, requesting an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) for an exemption from section 19(b) of the Act and rule 19b-1 under the Act. The order would permit certain registered closed-end investment companies to make periodic distributions of long-term capital gains with respect to their outstanding common stock as frequently as twelve times in any taxable year, and as frequently as distributions are specified by or in accordance with the terms of any outstanding preferred stock that such investment companies may issue. The requested order would supersede a prior order.¹

On August 5, 2014, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 31197). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application, as amended, that granting the requested exemption is appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

¹ H&Q Healthcare Investors and H&Q Life Sciences Investors, Investment Company Act Release Nos. 24232 (Jan. 3, 2000) (notice) and 24273 (Jan. 31, 2000).

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, under section 6(c) of the Act, that the exemption from section 19(b) of the Act and rule 19b-1 under the Act requested by H&Q Investors, H&Q Life Sciences Investors, Tekla Healthcare Opportunities Fund, and Tekla Capital Management LLC (File No. 812-14306) is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application, as amended.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Kevin M. O'Neill
Deputy Secretary